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<b>FY 2017 State Fire Assistance WUI Grant Application</b>	<b>File Name</b>				<a href="#">Update</a>
	State:	ID	Keyword:	Sagle South	
	Region:		Priority:		Id:
	<b>Administration Information</b>				
	Funds Requested:			\$300,000	
	Match:			\$300,000	
<b>Score:</b>	<b>Ranking:</b>		<b>Project Funding:</b> \$600,000		

<b>1</b>	<b>Proposal Cooperator [ID]</b>				<a href="#">Update</a>	
	Cooperator Organization:	Bonner County				
	Contact Person:	Bob Howard, Director, Emergency Management				
	Address:	1500 Highway 2, Suite 101				
	City:	Sandpoint	State:	ID	ZIP Code:	83864
	Phone:	208-265-8867	Email:	bhoward@bonnercountyid.gov		

<b>1</b>	<b>Applicant Information [ID]</b>				<a href="#">Update</a>	
	Applicant:	Idaho Dept of Lands				
	Contact Person:	Tyre Holfeltz				
	Address:	3284 West Industrial Loop				
	City:	Coeur d' Alene	State:	ID	ZIP Code:	83815
	Phone (work/cell):	(208) 666-8653	Fax:	(208) 619-1524		
	Email:	tholfeltz@idl.idaho.gov				
Federal Tax ID:	82-6000952	DUNS#:	878072685			

<b>2</b>	<b>Project Information</b>				<a href="#">Update</a>
	Name of the Project:	Sagle South Hazardous Fuel Breaks			
	Community Name(s):	Bonner County			
	Counties:	Bonner			
	Congressional District:	1			
	Latitude start:	0.0000	end:	48.1742	
Longitude start:	-116.4845	end:	0.0000		

<b>Applicant Budget [ID]</b>					<a href="#">Update</a>
<b>Leverage<sup>1</sup></b>					
<b>Grant</b>	<b>Match</b>		<b>Non-Match</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Funds Requested	Applicant	Non-Federal Contributors	Applicant, Non-Federal, and/or Federal	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Contributor/s	Total Project Cost

<b>3</b>	<b>Personnel / Labor:</b>	\$27,000	\$30,000	<b>\$57,000</b>
	<b>Fringe Benefits:</b>			
	<b>Travel:</b>	\$3,000		<b>\$3,000</b>
	<b>Equipment:</b>			
	<b>Supplies:</b>			
	<b>Contractual:</b>	\$240,000		<b>\$240,000</b>
	<b>Construction:</b>			
	<b>Other:</b>		\$270,000	<b>\$270,000</b>
	<b>Indirect Costs<sup>3</sup>:</b>	\$30,000		<b>\$30,000</b>
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$270,000</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> Leverage includes all three categories: match, non-match, and source. Funds qualifying as "match" must meet the same program requirements as grant funds (e.g., program authorities, non-federal sources). Other "non-match" leveraged funds do not need to meet the same standards (e.g., may include funds for construction, funds from other federal partners). Partnership with other USFS programs outside of State & Private Forestry, as well as other federal and state programs is encouraged.

<sup>2</sup> If any part of your match requirement is being covered through a consolidated payment grant (i.e. state spending of non-federal funds on activities that meet S&PF program authorities but are not tied to this proposal), please place it here.

<sup>3</sup> Indirect costs must be tied to an established rate. Waived indirect costs are an acceptable source of match.

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	<b>Budget Narrative</b>	<a href="#">Update</a>
<b>4</b>	<p>Personnel/Labor - 27,000 for Idaho Department of Lands staff to manage and administer sub-grant with Bonner County.</p> <p>Travel - 3,000 for IDL staff to travel to an from project(s) at establish State Fleet Motor Pool rates.</p> <p>Contractual - 240,000 is sub-granted to Bonner County. The County contracts all services associated with their hazardous fuels program to include project management/administration (budgeted on a not to exceed rate) and implementation. A minimum of 120 acres will be completed on high priority fuel breaks within the South Sagle area.</p> <p>Indirect - 30,000 negotiated rate between USFS &amp; Idaho.</p>	

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	<b>Project Area Description and Challenges</b>	<a href="#">Update</a>
<b>5</b>	<p>The Sagle area encompasses much of the southern central portion of Bonner County (4000 residents) and is located approximately 70 miles south of the Canadian border in northern Idaho. The area has dense stands (500-1500 stems per acre) of Ponderosa Pine, Lodge Pole and Grand Fir. Most of this area once existed in a historic 5-15 year fire regime, but in growth of vegetation has been dramatic with the advent of aggressive fire suppression/exclusion. The area has an average of 47 fires/year that for the most part (99%) are suppressed and kept under 10 acres. However, during fire years like 2015 (3-Sisters and Cape Horn) when conditions are right large wildfire propagation overwhelms local resources and large swaths of timbered, private lands and homes are consumed. Adding to the fire issues this area of Bonner County has been heavily developed over the last 40 years. The once contiguous mixed conifer landscapes has been divided into smaller individual parcels (averaging 5 acres each), increasing the human presence and human fire starts. Also, due to drought conditions from the last several years forest health has declined and a bark beetle outbreak is now occurring, adding to the already dire fuels conditions. The primary objective of this</p>	

decided and a bark beetle outbreak is now occurring, adding to the already dire fuels conditions. The primary objective of this proposed project is to thin stand densities to a level that will keep fire propagation from moving from ground to crown in the closed canopy stands common to this area. Specifically, this project will create fuel breaks in key areas to break up fuel continuity through thinning, pruning, mastication and chipping.

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<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Relation to Forest Action Plan   CWPP</b></p> <p>In the Idaho Forest Action Plan (FAP), the North Idaho Panhandle Priority Landscape Area (PLA) identifies the proposed treatment area as High in uncharacteristic wildfire. The treatment for hazardous fuel reduction on private lands in the proposal area are complimentary in reducing wildfire threat to area communities in order to make the forest resilient to human activities as identified in the FAP. This area is part of the Granite Hill/Sandpoint Corridor area identified as a CWPP priority. There is a very limited water supply and plenty of fuels. The area serves as a recreational asset, and is characterized by steep slopes with south and west aspects that creates difficulty when fire response is necessary. Treatment makes the Forest ecosystem resilient to human activities, trending toward landscapes that are diverse and resilient to climatic changes and other natural and unique stresses and insures that the Forest Lands with the highest benefits are identified, protected and enhanced.</p>	

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<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Proposed Activities</b></p> <p>Development occurs within single drainage systems with narrow winding ingress/egress roads within the Sagle project area creating a spiderweb of structures across the landscape that will be targeted. Three of the areas that are of highest priority are; Old Homestead Road (8 homes) in southern Bonner County, Pearl Creek Road (10 homes) in the Blacktail Mountain range and Eureka Road (70 homes) in the Bottle Bay Area. Bonner County will contract work (\$240,000) to complete a minimum of 120 acres on approximately 40 of the above listed homes to complete fuelbreaks and fuel reductions through the removal of vegetation. Specifically, work will be accomplished in accordance with a site specific prescription of pruning of 10' or 1/3 of the original height of tree, 20' to 40' of crown spacing between leave trees and removing brush from under tree crowns. Contracted services will include mastication on ground not exceeding 30% slope and hand crews using saws, pruners and chippers on slopes greater than 30%. It is important to note that the Sagle South project area has a waiting list of committed landowners for participation in fuels work. The County utilizes qualified and insured contractors from an established rotating vendors list to perform the HFT work. The contracted project manager coordinates and prioritizes fuel break work with the WUI committee and Bonner County Emergency Management Director. Specifically, managing contractors and informing contractors on landowner property lines and project layout, develops prescriptions for treatments, tracks projects, makes contact with landowners, inspects project work, invoices for payments and tracks expenditures.</p>	

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	<b>Landscape</b>	<b>Update</b>
<b>8</b>	<p>Treatments on private lands are tied into USFS, IDL, BLM, and other private land owners vegetative treatments whenever possible to create or enlarge existing fuel breaks and fuels reduction efforts. The USFS is currently managing the following fuels reduction projects within this area each approximately 1000 acres; Golden Pond, Prospect, West Gold, Tumbledown, and South Grouse. The USFS is also working on the Gold Crown Fuels Reduction Project (470 acres) on the Southeast side of Gold Hill, as well as an ongoing roadside salvage and brushing project in order to reduce hazardous fuels in the area. The Sagle South project will tie into these projects at various points across the landscape to help protect two water sources, Southside Water District and Mountain Springs, serving a total of 600 people. This project will also protect several additional housing developments, such as Pend Oreille Club Grounds (140 acres), Glacier View Estates (71 acres), and Vess Stead Views (60 acres). Finally, the area serves as a recreational asset for Sandpoint and Bonner County. As a consequence, there are many people using official and unofficial trails throughout the year. Poor access to the area does not discourage the recreational use, but will deter fire response. This work provides defensible space for developments and homeowner communities in this high recreation use area.</p>	

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	<b>Project Collaboration</b>	<b>Update</b>
<b>9</b>	<p>IDL will contribute match funds(\$270,000) in the form of consolidated payments associated with Forestry and Fire Assistance in support of private landowners; Bonfire (county WUI committee) includes participants from Bonner County, IDL, USFS, BLM and the Public - Planning and prioritizing for HFT work on public and private lands, public meeting facilitation, landowner education, technical expertise; Landowners (\$20,000) - completion of d-space work around homes, firewood collection, participating in meetings, educate neighbors; Bonner County Noxious Weed Department (\$5,000) - Personnel, labor and chemical to control noxious weeds the occur after treatment within right-of-way areas which contribute to increase fire spread in northern Idaho (funds provided by Selkirk Cooperative Weed Management Association); Bonner County Emergency Management - (\$5,000) Providing public education via handouts and meetings with landowners (non-grant funded) and are members of the Bonfire Steering Committee. IDL and USFS - education and meetings, members of the Bonfire Steering Committee.</p>	

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	<b>Project Timeline</b>	<b>Update</b>
<p><b>1</b> <b>0</b></p>	<p>Fall '16, the project manager will notify interested landowners (40) of available funding which have been pre-determined as priority due to their interest and location of property to other values to protect. Winter '16/Spring '17 complete seven landowners agreements and initiate work summer to Fall '17 (20 acres). Winter '17/Spring '18 complete landowner agreements with 17 landowners for work and continue work Summer to Fall '18 (50 acres). Winter '18/Spring '19 complete 16 landowner agreements, Summer to Fall '19 complete remaining 50 acres. Early winter '19 final project inspection, report and then enter monitoring phase.</p>	

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	<b>Project Sustainability</b>	<b>Update</b>
<p><b>1</b> <b>1</b></p>	<p>The vegetation consists of dry and moderately moist site brush and tree species such as Ponderosa Pine, Larch, Douglas-fir and Lodgepole Pine. Regrowth after treatment will vary but will require continued maintenance every 5 years through removal, mastication or burning. Private property owners who participate in the Bonfire program sign a contract obligating them to maintain the work for a period of 10 years or until the property changes hands. Education outreach will be given prior to sign up and at project completion through the U of I extension office, Bonfire materials and Bonner County Noxious Weeds Program. Idaho Department of Lands is monitoring compliance through a sampling of past projects and current endeavors. Compliance will continue to be monitored by Bonner County and the State of Idaho and if problems arise landowners will be reminded by the county of their obligations through written or verbal communication.</p>	